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Yesterday Morning arriv'd the 4 Mails due from Holland: The Freshest Letters being dated on Friday last, the 8th Instant.

From the Paris Gazette, dated March 6.

Madrid, Feb. 17.

THE Troops of Guards that are to attend the King to Catalonia were new cloath'd to Day. The ordinary Post from the Kingdom of Valencia did not come this Week, so that we have had no News from thence these 8 Days, more than that the Troops which were advanc'd very near to the City of Valencia, had made a Motion to retire and encamp at some Distance from it, there to wait the Arrival of the Artillery and other things necessary for attacking it in form. 'Tis reported the English have put Part of their best Troops into it, hoping by the Resistance of that Place to retard the Progress of our Forces in Catalonia, where they have left very few Troops. We are inform'd by Officers that are come from thence, and by Spies, that there is not above 1000 Men in Barcelona, and those new rais'd by the Archduke. In other Places there are hardly any but Miquelets; of which many are return'd to their Dwellings, because they could get neither Pay nor Subsistance except what they gain'd by plundering, which at present they can make little of. We have Intelligence likewise, that Provisions are extreme scarce in the said Town, and that that Scarcity had occasion'd some Distempers. The Breaches are not repair'd yet, nor the Fortifications of Montjuich. The Disorders continue, not only by Reason of the little Discipline observ'd by the Soldiers, but likewise because of the Licentiousness that reigns in the Religious Houses, where all Regularity is quite laid aside. The Marshal de Thesse caus'd one of the Leaders of the Rebels that commanded the Garrison of Miravet to be hang'd for an Example, he having contrary to the Laws of War fir'd while the Capitulation was treating. Several Gentlemen of Murcia having arm'd themselves have joyn'd their Bishop, who besides the 6000 Pistoles he levied of the Inhabitants of Ontiniente to commute for plundering, has tax'd several particular Persons that had contributed to the Insurrection, and employ'd all those Sums in augmenting the Number of his Troops.

From the Paris Gazette, dated March 13.

Madrid, Feb. 26. The 23d of this Month, in the Afternoon, the King set out from hence: The Queen accompanied him 2 Leagues out of Town. Before his Departure, he caus'd the principal Lords to come to him into the Gallery of the Grandees, and told them, that finding it necessary to put himself at the Head of his Armies for the Defence of the Kingdom, he had committed the Management of Affairs to the Queen, whom he desir'd to assist them with their Counsels, and to act each in his Station as the Welfare and Honour of their Country should require. They receiv'd his Majesty's Declaration with great Respect and Thankfulness, and having kiss'd his Hand, assur'd him of their inviolable Fidelity. Those that are left to compose the Cabinet Council, are the Marquis de Mansera, the Duke de Montellano, and the Duke de Veraguas, with the Ambassador of France. Don Joseph Grimaldo goes with the King, in Quality of Secretary of the *Despacho universal*. The first Night his Majesty lay at Valdemoro: The 24th at Ocanna, having in his way din'd at Aranjuez; the 25th he was to lye at Chincon; and to Night at Leoches, which is within 2 Leagues of Alcala. The Town of Placentia has made a free Gift of a considerable Sum, towards the Charge of the War. Don Antonio Ferer Bishop of Segorbe, has rais'd, and maintains at his own Expence, 400 Men for the Security of that Town. The Troops drawn together by the Bishop of Murcia encrease in Number daily, and 'tis talk'd M. Mahoni, whom the King has made a Major General, will be sent to command them. Letters from Badajoz of the 19th Instant tell us, that the Marquis de Bay had detach'd Don Balthazar de Moscoso Brigadier and Inspector General, with 300 Grenadiers, 100 Carabineers, and 200 Horse, to advance to Albuquerque, and endeavour to surprize and carry off some Troops of the Enemy's Horse, that were quarter'd in the Suburbs of that Place. The Enterprize was carried on so successfully, that the Guard being forc'd, our Men enter'd the Suburbs at 4 Places Sword in Hand, and after some Resistance took 2 entire Troops of the Enemy's Horse, with the Officer that commanded them. On this Occasion 40 of the Enemy were kill'd, and 20 wounded, and several Houses were pillag'd, with no more Loss on our side than of 10 Men kill'd or wounded. The Marquis de Villadarias is drawing Troops together in the Country of Niebla. We have Intelligence, that the Duke de Noailles has made himself Master of Figuieres, and that a great Number of Miquelets have joyn'd the Troops he commands: A great Number of them are likewise come over to the Army under the Marshal de Thesse. Who has posted Men in all the Posts useful for covering the Convoys, and has sent some Detachments to sieze the Bridge of Pedralva, for a Communication with Catalonia. 'Tis said the English and Miquelets are enter'd into Valencia.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated March 16.

Paris, March 8. Some Letters from Spain advise, that the Enemy's Parties having surpriz'd about 200 Horse of the Count de las Torres's Forces, with Lieutenant Collonel Don Jacinto Pesaro, have carried them into Valencia.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated March 19.

Madrid, Feb. 26. The King (who went from hence the 23d Instant) had resolv'd to take the direct Road to Valencia, and lay Siege to that Place; but a Courier dispatch'd from the Marshal de Thesse made his Majesty take another Road, having brought Word, that that Marshal being advanc'd to Alcanniz, had receiv'd Order from the Court of France not to quit Arragon to march into the Kingdom of Valencia; that thereupon he was returning to Caspe, there to be joyn'd by the Body of Troops he had left under the Command of the Chevalier d' Asfeld; and that he had sent Order to all his Officers that had left the Army to go and buy Horses, to repair by the 8th of March to Caspe; where he design'd to let his Troops rest, till the King should arrive, and then to enter Catalonia. His Majesty the Evening before his Departure, sent for all the Grandees to the Pallace, to the Number of 30, and made a Speech to them in Spanish, containing in Substance, 'That he had taken a Reso-'lution to make the Campaign, to stop the Pro-'gress of the Enemy that had invaded his Do-'minions, reduce the Rebels, and maintain his good 'and faithful Subjects: That he had left the Ad-'ministration of Affairs to the Queen, who had 'a long time refus'd to take it upon her, but had 'at last accepted it: And that he hop'd from their 'Loyalty they would second her good Intentions, 'assist her with their Councels, and help her to the 'utmost of their Power, &c. The Speech was re-ceiv'd by those Lords with great Expressions of Respect, and Protestations of Zeal for his Service. The King has made the Duke de Popoli a Grandee of Spain, and has order'd him to stay here with the Queen. The following Persons of Quality accompany

company the King into the Field; Prince Tſerclaes de Tilli, the Duke of Gandia, the Marquis of Jamaica, the Conſtable of Caſtile as Major-Domo; the Duke of Medina Sidonia as Maſter of the Horſe, the Duke d' Oſſuna, the Count d' Aguilar Captain of the Life-Guards, the Marquis de Aytona, the Duke de Havre; the Count d' Aguilar Senior, Preſident of the Council of Arragon, with 2 Councellors of that Tribunal, and Don Joſeph de Grimaldo. Since the Earl of Peterborough got into Valencia, no News from that Kingdom has been made publick: 'Tis only given out, that the Count de las Torres waits ſtill for Cannon, Ammunition and Proviſions.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated March 9.

Toulon, Feb. 23. The Count de Toulouſe being arriv'd here, the Fleet will ſail for the Coaſt of Catalonia in a few Days. We daily expect 14 Galleys from Marſeilles. 1200 Soldiers are imbark'd in the Men of War: And the Bombs deſign'd to be landed at Perpignan, thence to be ſent by Land into Catalonia, are all put on board.

From the Paris Gazette, dated March 13.

Paris, March 13. The 7th a Courier arriv'd with the News that the Count de Toulouſe ſail'd the 3d of this Month from the Iſlands Hieres for Catalonia.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated March 19.

Paris, March 15. An extraordinary Courier has brought Advice, that the Count de Toulouſe being forc'd by a contrary Wind to come back to the Iſlands Hieres the 4th Inſtant, ſail'd from thence agen the Night between the 8th and 9th. with ſo fair a Wind, that if it continued he might be at Barcelona in 48 Hours. They write from Court, that the King of Spain propos'd to arrive at the Marſhal de Theſſe's Army the 11th Inſtant, and to march the next Day towards Barcelona. The 26th and 27th of this Month, the King will take a Review of the Guards du Corps, who will begin their March the 28th for Charleville, Mezieres, and Sernay; which makes it believ'd they are to ſerve in the Army on the Moſelle. They are fitting out with all Expedition at Dunkirk, a Squadron of 5 Ships of the Line of Battle and 4 large Frigates, to be commanded by the Chevalier de Fourbin; but 'tis not known what Enterprize they will be order'd upon.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated March 20.

Paris, March 15. A Report is ſpread here, that the Venetians are making Levies to form a Body of 8 or 10000 Men in the Paduan, in order to clear that Province of all forreign Troops. They write from Spain, that King Philip V. deſigns to be before Barcelona by the 20th Inſtant, and that all the Troops appointed to ſerve in the Siege of that Place, are order'd to be there by that Time. Before the Count de Toulouſe weigh'd from the Iſlands Hieres the 8th or 9th Inſtant, he detach'd 2 Men of War before to the Coaſt of Catalonia, to carry the News that he was following them thither: He had receiv'd Advice by an Expreſs, that the French Army was in the Neighbourhood of Gironne, and that the Squadron commanded by M. de Bellefontaine is before Barcelona, 3 Frigates excepted, which were ſent out for Intelligence. More Ships of War are fitting out at Toulon. A Tax is laid here upon Perriwigs; 10 Sols is to be paid for thoſe that coſt 10 Livres, 40 Sols for thoſe that coſt 20 Livres, and 3 Livres 10 Sols for thoſe that coſt 30 Livres or upwards. To Morrow the Duke of Vendome ſets out Poſt for Antibes, where 2 Galleys lye ready to carry him to Genoa; the grand Prior his Brother has the King's Leave to go with him to Genoa, and thence to Rome, to live there. His Majeſty offer'd him a Penſion of 15000 Livres a Year, but he refus'd it.

A Liſt of the French Fleet fitted out at Toulon in March 1706. for the Expedition to Catalonia.

Ships 26.	Commanders.	Men.	Guns.
Le Henry.	M. de Bellefontaine.	400	70
Le Furieux.	The Chevalier d'Ailly.	350	56
Le Toloſe.	M. de Chabert.	380	62
L' Invincible.	M. de Boulanivilliers.	450	66
Le Neptune.	*The Marſhal de Coeuvres.*	600	72
Le Vainqueur.	The Count de Villars.	600	88
Le Serieux.	M. de Champigny.	380	70
Le Fleuron.	M. de Mons.	350	58
Le Sage.	The Chev. de la Roche Allard.	330	54
L' Eclatant.	M. de Palois.	430	68
Le Trident.	M. de Chateaumorant.	350	70
Le Content.	M. de la Roche Allard, Sen.	388	60
L' Heureux.	M. du Queſne Monier.	450	70
Le Parfait.	*The C. de Toulouſe, Admiral.*	600	76
L' Intrepide.	M. de Seppeville.	600	84
Le St. Louis.	The Count de Hautfort.	380	64
Le Ruby.	The Chev. de Grancey.	330	54
Le Fendant.	M. de Modene.	350	52
Le Diamant.	M. L'Authier.	350	60
L' Entreprenant.	M. Caffaro.	350	62
L' Ecueil.	M. de Pontac.	380	68
Le Sceptre.	*The Marquis de Langeron.*	650	88
Le St. Eſprit.	M. du Caſſe.	400	70
Le Mercure.	M. de Beauquaire.	330	54
Le Vermandois.	The C. de Bethune.	350	64
Le Bizarre.	M. de Serquigny.	380	68

Light Frigates 6. La Fulminante a Bomb Ship La Parfaite, La Princeſſe, The Upton Galley, La Galatea, L' Eclatante a Bomb Ship.

Fireſhips, 4. L' Eſpion, L' Eclair, Le Violent, Le Lyon.

Pinks, (or Hoſpital Ships.) 3. La Balaine, La Ste. Anne, Le Portefaix.

To the Ships of War abovemention'd are to be added 2 firſt Rates, viz. Le Triomphant, and L' Admirable, of 92 Guns each; and 1 Frigate, call'd La Sylvie.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated March 19.

Paris, March 12. 'Tis reported, that 4 Grandees whom the King of Spain had order'd to attend him into the Field, excus'd themſelves on ſeveral Pretences. The Siege of Barcelona is much talk'd of; in Order to it the Duke de Noailles and the Chevalier d'Aſfeld are to joyn the Marſhal de Theſſe: In the mean Time the Count de las Torres is to obſerve the Malecontents of the Kingdom of Valencia with a Body of Spaniſh Troops: And the Duke of Berwick with another Body of Spaniſh Troops, is to endeavour to cover the Frontier of Caſtile. 'Tis rumour'd, that the Earl of Peterborough, having march'd out of Valencia with a ſtrong Detachment, has ſurpriz'd and routed the Count de las Torres. The Count de Toulouſe ſail'd the 3d from the Iſlands Hieres with 13 Ships, not thinking fit to ſtay for another Ship that is equipping at Toulon: 150 Tartans are gone out of that Port likewiſe, laden with all Sorts of Proviſions and Ammunition. The Count will find M. de Bellefontaine before Barcelona, with 10 other Men of War.

Hague, March 16. 'Some Letters from Paris adviſe, that an Expreſs is arriv'd there from Madrid 'with Advice, that the Earl of Peterborough having march'd out of Valencia, had ſurpriz'd 6 'Battallions of Spaniards and defeated them; and 'that having Intelligence ſome Artillery was coming 'to them from Alicant, under a Convoy, he intercepted and took both the Artillery and Convoy.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Saturday, the 16th of March, will be preſented an Opera, call'd, The Iſland Princeſs, or, the Generous Portugueſe. With all the Original Songs and Dialogues by the beſt Performers, particularly the Enthuſiaſtick Song by Mr. Leveridge. The Dances perform'd by Monſieur du Ruel, Monſieur Cherrier, and Miſs Santlow his Scholar. Alſo by Mrs. Evans, taught by Monſieur Siris, Mrs. Croſs, and others.

Never Acted but once.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, to Morrow being Saturday, the 16th of March, will be preſented a new Opera, (by Subſcription) call'd, The Temple of Love. None to be admitted into the Boxes or Pit, but by the Subſcribers Tickets. The firſt Gallery 5 s. Upper Gallery 2 s.

Theſe Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott Next Nando's Coffee-Houſe, Temple-Bar.

An Entertainment by Mr. *CLINCH* of *BARNET*, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtell, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntſman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Inſtruments are perform'd by his natural Voice: To which is added a Comical Dance. To be ſeen this preſent Evening, at 7 a Clock at the Roſe Tavern in the Poultry. Price 1 s.

The Cock-Pit and Bowling-Greens on the back ſide of Grays-Inn-Walks, are to be Let or Sold, from the 5th of April next; which will be put into tenentable Repair. Enquire of Mr. George Downes, at his Chambers in Simmon's-Inn in Chancery-lane, one of the Truſtees for the Diſpoſition.

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